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#### From the Danville Democrat. THE TOMB.

BY THE REV. ALPRED LOUDERBACK. 'Tis here that mem'ry wakes her fundest thoughts, And pure aff ction kindles up h. r fire; Where friendship rears a tribute, sheds her tears; And minst els tune to m uraful strains the lyre. Stand but alone, and view the num'rous piles. Which indicate where each poor mortal lay: Here waves the grass-there bloom the opining

Which str. w the mound where rests the lump of

The raging tempest, sweeping o'er the earth, Disturbe no sleeper in his dusty had;
"Mid earth's commotion, and the d n of war, Sull rest serene the myriads of the dead. The opening spring, clocke I with a thousand smiles: The warbling bir is-the tragrance of the rose-The grateful autumn heaping gifts on man-All seek in vain to break his deep repose. Or should the surrowing yout ful widow go, To bathe with tears an humble spot so dear, And tell how warm still burns her early love, the speaks in vain-in vain she drops the tear. There lies the infant, call'd away ere crime Lad left its impress-siumbering to the grave Jeside the monarch, who now finds in death A tyrant arm, from which no bribe can save. here end our to ls-and fea s di treet no more; here hatted ceases-'us the house of rest; here foes may slumber safely, side by side, or waving passions there i isturb no breas'. but then the thought of b ing food for worms, and spending ages in the lonely tomb: o think, to feel, to love, to act no more, ut dwell 'mid silent uni e s d gloom! he thoughts were sad, dad we not hear one s v. there comes a bright, nor very distant day, Vhen all the de d shall hear a trumpet voice. nd walking millions at its sound it jace. hen seus shall roll their myriads to the shore, nd ear h shall give her tens of thous ands o'er; nd then a youth immortal from the skies hall clothe our firm,-a voice shall bid us ris; there wasting sickness lingers not, nor death hall breathe on m n again his chilling breath, or death shall yield to Christ his sovereign sway, rd like some conquered monster led away, and one home if-while man shall ever rest. here all is peace, and pious souls are bless'd.

#### reat Men are generally Farmers.

GEORGE WASHINGTON, the father of dependence, and great benefactor of s race, when public duty permitted, voted all the energies of his well balced mind to the improvements of aiculture at Mount Vernon, Virginia, iere he died. He corresponded with r John Sinclair, and other distinguishhusbandmen of the age, upon various provements indispensable to good ming. Some of his agricultural estles have been preserved as everlas-13 monuments of his goodness and

rigainess. JOHN ADAMS, the second President. nd in the language of Mr. Jefferson, the great pillar and support in the Delaration of Independence, and its ablest dvocate and champion on the floor of he house," was a farmer in Quincy, dassachusetts.

THOMAS JEFFERSON, the third Presilent, died a farmer at Monticello, Va. JAMES MADISON, the fourth President, vas a great admirer of agriculture.

JAMES MONROE, the fifth President, was a good farmer, and a very correct ustice of the peace in the county of loudon, after his retirement from the Presidency.

JOHN Q. ADAMS, the sixth President of the United States, was and is a farmer at Quincy, near Boston.

ANDREW JACKSON, the seventh President, is a farmer in our immediate neighborhood. His "Hermitage" plantation is one of the most beautiful situations in the United States, and were he to quit cotton, read agricultural papers a little more, and study carefully the improvements nature suggests in this country, his indefatigable exertions even in his old age, would make him a first rate farmer.

MARTIN VAN BUREN, the eighth President, is a farmer at Kinderhook; an excellent judge of sheep, and successful wool grower.

WILLIAM HENRY HARRISON, the ninth President elect, of the Union, is a farmer, and a first rate wheat grower, at North Bend, Ohio. An overwhelming majority of the voters of the United States are practical farmers, and it is out of the question to think of any other man being President but a farmer. [Agriculturist.

## Heat and Moisture.

A correspondent of the New York Journal of Commerce, thus discourses on these subjects:

The placing of water in iron vessels upon stoves, in close rooms is of very doubtful utility. I frequently notice a

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Absolute sequiescence in the decisions of the importy, the vital principle of Republics, from which there is no appeal but to force, the vital principle and immediate parent of despotism .- Jaffanson.

By Masser & Eisely.

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is all the time becoming filled with dust, has recovered her health, has given be a witch in the estimation of certain used upon a stove, to preserve or pro- as usual. duce moisture in a room, the use of two or three quarts of dry sand in an iron vessel will be found the best means of heating it. In this case, place in the sand a glass or earthen vessel, containing clear water, and let it be changed every day, and the vessel washed as often as the water is changed. A valve at top of a window to a room, is far preferable to water, to preserve the quality of the atmosphere of the room or apart-

ment. The use of water in the public streets in the heat of summer, has but one good effect, viz: that of laying the dust and preventing it from injuring merchandize in stores, and the furniture in houses where the doors and windows are kept open in heat of summer. But the atmosphere is rendered very impure by such means, and the gutters more offensive. It is the water in the gutters that causes the unpleasant effluvias to arise, and not the dryness of them. A dry atmosphere is always healthy, although the heat may be great; but a hot and moist atmosphere is invariably unhealthy. Heat and moisture produce animal and vegetable putrefaction and decomposition :- Take, for instance, the grass cut down by the farmer for the purpose of making hav if it be put into the barn moist, or wet, it will mould and rot. So it is with berries, cherries, apples and peaches-if these are dried in clear weather, and kept dry, they may be thus preserved for almost any length of time. The same with jerked beef, sausages, &c.

#### Steel Ore.

We have just seen various instruments, knives, shears, plane irons, &c., cast from Steel Ore, as taken from a bed in the town of Duane, Franklin

In the course of last year, B. S. Roberts, Esq., who was employed as Civil Engineer, to survey a route for the Ogdensburgh and Champlain Railroad, and to make a geological and minerological examination of a portion of Clinthe other minerals of the region by its capacity of vielding directly from a process of smelting a substance possesing all the physical and chemical properties of munufactured steel." The analysis of this ore has been effected by Thomas B Clemson, an eminent American chemist in Paris, and has been found to be composed as follows :-

Iron and scoria. 12 90 Iron alone, The parts possessing the properties of steel. 64 50

From this analysis it appears that the steel properties of the substance resulting from the smelting of this mineral are inherent, and not the result of any new or peculiar process of assay. However little the world may be prepared to give credit to the existence of such a mineral in the state of an oxide, the fact is now too well established to admit even of scenticism, and no one who will examine the edged tools and cutlery of all kinds that have during the past season been cast from this mineral, and sent out into most of the cities for samples, can do so great violence to his own senses as to doubt any longer the existence of a "natural steel," from which, by the simple process of moulding and easting razor blades, penknives, shears, plane irons, gouges, axes of all sizes and descriptions, and every variety of tools of the machinist and carpenter's shop, are at once produced, having all the rest steel.

The great advantages of this steel are, that it can be shaped to the purpose required by easting, instead of the expensive process of hammering, and that the tool made is wholly of steel, and not, as in ordinary cases, the edge

The discovery of this mine appears to us of great importance. [N. Y. American.

A Cow with a Wooden Leg.

which adds to its impurity. If water is birth to a fine call, and yields her milk folks, and of course she becomes respon-

#### How to boil Irish Potatoes.

Good and indifferent potatoes depend very much upon the manner in which they are prepared for the table. Some cooks always have heavy, hard, watery potatoes; while others, for the most part, have them dry, mealy, and excellent. This difference depends, gener- ties of Hardin and Meade : ally upon the difference of cooking. The first cook puts the potatoes into cold water, warms them through by a slow fire, and cools them as slowly; I hope he will attribute it to no unkind while the other puts them into boiling feelings, but to my want of the polish of water, stirs the fire till they are JUST education. Sir, your Superintendent DUN, takes them out immediately, of Common Schools has said, that there throws a wet cloth around them, and gently squeezes each with the hand till monwealth, who can neither read nor it cracks open, for the watery particles write, and it is but true, my own mars to escape in the form of steam, the riage bond has my MARK to it, and my peals them, and they are exactly right. son, who now sits in the other House, By this plan almost any potatoe will was a stout boy when I learned to cat well.-[Nashville Agriculturist.

#### National Vanity.

Among the anecdotes in point-and a illustration of the different phases of vanity-Morton M'Michael Esq., in his late lecture, related one of M. Le Sac, a famous French dancing master in Queen Anne's reign, who when he heard that the justly distinguished statesman and lover of Literature-Mr. Harley, had been raised to an Earldom, exclaimed-Well, I wonder what the Queen could see in him. I taught him to dance for two years, and never knew a more stupid fellow." Akin to this species of vanity, was that of a chimney-sweep in London, who in looking at Garrick with a sooty friend, said "Dont point at him, Bill. You don't know what you may come to ous tribes, who, if left to themselves, would continue yourself." Thus one Queen had been praised for her golden tresses, who had The skins of these animals, however, have become not a hair on her head ;-- and while a venal poet was offering incense to the ther, a friend said to him-"be careful, rise and show how short she is." Luscan, in his Pharsalia, implored Nero, induce them to slaughter these animals in immense magnetic oxide of iron, which, accord- when he ascended to heaven, be careful numbers leaving their flesh, the field of the Indian. on which side he sat, and not by sitting to rot and putrify in the ground. No admonition too much on one side, to overbalance the Universe. All had heard of a dedication to "thunder and the First Consul"—and praises had been given to Louis XIV .- to "him and the Deity" giving the monarch the preference. Such was personal vanity and some of its effects. How much nobler was the conduct of Alexander, who when Aristobulus, the Greek historian who accompanied the Macedonian conqueror in his expeditions-recited this monarch's victories over Porus to himself. ed the book, and threw it into the river.

## Witchcraft Revived.

For several days past some excitement has prevailed in the neighborhood of Charlotte street, Northern Liberties, relative to certain enchantments supposed to be practised on the persons of several children. The symptoms of supernatural influence are discovered in an astonishing degree of crossness in the little innocents, an incessant screaming and kicking, which is said to be caused by certain cruel pinches bestowed on the delicate hides of the young sufferers. One child is reported to be pinched all over as blue as an indigo bag, and to be in perpetual danger of falling into convulsions. A physician, (not of the regular school we preproperties and best qualities of the pu- sume.) pronounces the cases to be evident witchcraft, and has commenced the process of exorcism. Hitherto his the darkness on one side seemed to thicken, and the labors have been unsuccessful, because, he says the parents have not sufficient faith in the undertaking. The mother of the children believes devoutly, but the father as yet proves himself an ob. grasp. An awful crash followed, and he w s born stinate infidel as far as witchcraft is onward by the rigging on which he had seized, concerned. It is the opinion of some of the neighbors that nothing can be done suck beneath him. for the poor little creatures until their A foreign journal mentions that a necromancy. In the meanwhile, many very unpleasant smell arising from wa- valuable cow, in consequence of a mis- speculations are affoat concerning the heard from the perishing men, nor was a remoant ter which has been suffered to remain step, or some other unknown accident, personal identity of the witch; a very in vessels on stoves, until it is nearly e- fell and broke her leg. The best sur- ancient lady living in the neighborhood vaporated, in rooms and stores. This gical aid was immediately called for, is chiefly suspected. One account says is certainly unhealthy. Water in a ves- but on examination it was found neces- that a man perceived a beautiful white sel upon a stove, unless it boils, will sary to amputute the limb. The ope- rabbit playing in the yard, and chased it Germans, just previous to an election, in order to ob a tone of is witching soliness, are you angry with soon become offensive, and is injurious ration took place, and the operator suc- into an out house, when it was sudden--it becomes impure and putrid from ecceded in replacing the leg with one of ly transmografied into the old lady just himself, but he had a bother who was renfacked by my dear," replied his lordship,—"I feel at this mobeing kept warm, and added to this, it wood. Since the operation, the cow referred to. This story shows her to fond of German sausages.

sible for all the unaccountable mischief which is done in the neighborhood. Think of all this to happen in Philadelphia in 1841. [Ledger.

AN HONORAPLE EXAMPLE. - The following we find in the Maysville Eagle. It is related of Mr. Craddock a member of the Kentucky Senate from the coun-

"Sir," said Mr. C., "What I have said here to-day was said in a rough way, and if it has wounded a Senator, are many men of family in this Comwrite."

Mr. C. is now not only a respectable Senator, but a good lawyer. What more need be said in his praise !

teen months old, which weighed 565 Smith, of Springfield township, New dew .- Buplist Advocate. Jersey, and we have never seen one at that age which would compare with it in beauty, size and weight.-[Philadelphia Chronicle.

#### The Poor Indian.

In the splendid regions of the "Far West" which he between Missouri and the Rocky Mountains, there are living at this moment on the prairies, varivaluable to the whites, and accordingly this beauti ful and verdant country, and these brave and indemajestic mien and lofty statue of ano- pendent reople have been invaded by the white traders, who, by paying them a pint of whiskey for lest by your flattery, you tempt her to each skin, (or rode' as they are termed in America.) which sells at New York for ten or twelve dollars, power of the whiskey. Accordingly in all directions these poor thoughtless beings are seen furiously riding under its influence in pursuit of their game, or in other words, in the fatal exchange of food for The flatterer evidently and impiously poison. It has been very attentively calculated by the trad rs who manage to collect per arnum, from 150,000 to 200,000 buff do skins, at the rate which these an mals are disposed of, in ten years they will be killed off. Whenever that event happens Mr. Catlin very justly prophecies that 250,000 Indians. now living in a plain of nearly three thousa d miles in extent, must die for starvation, and become a prey to the wolves, or that they must at a kid the now--Alexander upbraided him for thus erful neighboring tribes of the Rocky Mountains, or endeavoring to excite his vanity, snatch- in our phreezy of dispair rush upon the white population in the forlors hope of dislodging it. In the two alternatives there exists no chance; and we have therefore the appulling reflection before us, that 250,-000 Indians must soon be added to the dismal list of those who have already withered an Lilisappeared leaving their country to bloom and flourish in the possession of the progeny of another worl! .- Quar-

> The Philadelphia U. S. Gazate pu lishes the following succdote respecting the late Samuel Willians, Esq. fermerly a distinguished broker in Lon-

don, who died last work in Boston: " One dark stormy night while at sea, Mr. Wiliams left the deck below with an intention of repairing to the deck of the vess I. He ascended the companion way, (place of entrance to, and egress from, the ship's cabin ) feeling his way along in utter darkuess. The storm was howling, and every rope above him seemed strung to some strange melody, while the spray was dashing willly o or the bows of the ship. Just as Mr. W. reached the deck noise of the water to come in more irregularl.; suddealy ropes p s ed over his head and along the breast of the astonished man. He seized them almost involuntarily, and held them with a convulsive while the deck which had sustained his feet had

A larger vessel had run down his own, and he papa will candidly acknowledge himself and perhaps another were saved as by miracle, to a jackass for denying the reality of the tell the story of destruction, for the larger ship went booming onward in her course, and not a cry was found of the shattered bark. All were

"In the deep bosom of the ocean buried."

## The City of Cairo.

The Sangamon (I L) Journal says: "A ship is now contracted to be built at Cairo the ensuing summer, designed for a regular trader between that city and Liverpool! Start not reader! This is most certainly true; and ten years will hardly pass before ships from the ocean will unload their cargoes at Cairo city, which will then be a port of entry, and will take that rank among the cities of the West to which her unrivalled position-unrivelled in any portion of the world-will entitle

"We will add to this article the fact that the emsankment, which will enclose 1300 acres, will be completed in June; after which an overflow of the city will no longer be apprehend d."

This embroy city-we believe it already has a charter-is situated at the extreme southern point will pay for every hair of McLeod's head which of Illinois, on the peninsula formed by the junction may be injured. We do beseech Mr. McLeod, says of the Okro and Mussissippi rivers.

#### Palestine.

Some of the leading British journals now propose that the Jews should be allowed to purchase the land of Palestine. As Turkey is in want of money, this cou'd be easily effected and Great Britain would have a motive for protecting them in their former country. For this purpose she would be obliged to hold Acre and one or two other strong points on the coast of Syris, and thus her darling policy would be maintained with the show of public Uncommon Calif.-We saw yesters expediency. Unlass her present government break day, at "Head Quarters," a calf, seven- takk with their Tory advisers, some very sound reason will be found for holding St. Jean de Acre, or lbs. It was raised by Mr. Joseph et e Gibralter and Malta furnish no historical prece-

> man in Ireland to his friend in this city has been to the lady's house. handed to us for publication

"DUNDALK, Nov. 16, 1840. the great progress which Temperance is making in this country under the auspices of the illustrious prelate Father Matthew, of the Catholic Church. of the husband grumble out, " take away your cold its of people. It is now a rate sight to see a drunken man in our streets even on a market day. In truth, the greatest drunkards have become the most so'er men. More than one third of the inkeepers have declined renewing their licenses, and have abandoned the business. The distillers have turned their attention to other pursuits; and it is a remarkable fact that none of the members of our seciety have as yet broken their pledge."- Balt. Amer.

Tax Marring or Tax Ports .- In the city, well known to every body, if they can find out the name | very badly sung psalm, read another to the choir, -a portical genius was hauld up before a poetical saying "You must try again; it is impossible to magistrate for kissing a girl and kicking up a dust, preach after such singing !"-Box. Jour. and the following interesting dialogue ensued:-

Magistrate,-Is your name John Jay ! Prisoner .- Yes, your honor, so the people say. Mag.-Was it you that kissed the girl, and raised

Prix-Yes, your honor, but I thought it was no

Mag .- You ruscal! did you come here to make

Pris .- No, your honor, but it will happen some

Mag. - Be off, you scamp, get out of my sight. Pris.-Thank'ee, your honor, then I'll bid you

FINALE TO A COURTSHIP -- "Flora, ah! dearest Flora-I am come-ah! Flora I come to-oh! you can decide my fate-I come, my Flora-ah!" "I see you, Malcolm, perfectly. You are come: you tell me interesting intelligence certainly. Well

what next?" "Oh Flora! I am come to-to-"

"To offer me your heart and hand, I suppose !" · Ves!

"We'l, do it like a man then, and not like a mon-

"Plague take your self-possession," exclaimed I, uddenly starting up from my knee, upon which I had fallen in an attitude that might have won the beaven." approval of Madam de Maillaire Fraise, "you make te ashamed of myself."

"Proceed, sir," said Flora. "You like brevity, it would seem."

"Yes," replied Flora.

"Then-will you matry me !"

"Yes."

"Will you give me a kiss?" "You may take one."

I took the preffered kiss. "Now this is going to work rationally," said Flora; "when a thing is to be said, why may it not be said in two seconds instead of stuttering and stammering two hour about it? Oh! how cordi- up, he is a beer barrel, and in the evening when he ally do I hate all naiscries!" exclaimed the merry goes to bed, he is a burrel of beer."

maiden, clasping my hand energetically. "We'l then," said I, "humbog spart, what day shall we fix on for our marriage !"

A DEAR WIFE .- Lord W--r was looking very sour and blue at a long bill from Madame Ca radan Carson's enlarged, not contracted by her la-A political orator, who wished to gammon some dyship. "W--, my love," said her ladyship in ment y u are dearer to me than ever."

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### A DANDY.

A dandy is a chap that would Be a young lady if he could, But as he can't, does all he can To show that I e is not a man.

Sam Slick utters some queer sayings. He has more truth than poetry in many of his hits, such, for instance, as thefollowing, touching fersale curiosity; "Nothin, squire, ever stops a woman when her curiosity is once up, especially if she be curious to know something about herself. Only hold a scret in your hand to her, and it's like a bunch of catnip; sho'll jump and fri-k, and frolic round like every thing, and never give over purrin' and coaxin' of you tal

A VALUABLE HEAD OF HAIR,-The Monired papers say that a hundred thousand American lives the N. Y. Tartler, to take precious care of his precious bair; and be extremely careful what barber he employs-for a great deal depends upon it.

Surcipe.-The eloquent Dow, Jr. savs a man who hangs himself because he can't eatch fish exhibits the moral of suicide. He says you all cast your hope-buited hooks into the troubled water of the world; and if you don't eatch something more than a gudgeon, instanter-if your anticipations are not fully realized forthwith-you go and make Judases of yourselves! What folly! what stupidity! I tell you, my brethren, to keep on bobbingie fish will bite by and by!

VERY Goop.-The Boston Post tells a story of down-east militia captain who, on receiving a note from a lady requesting "the pleasure of his company," understood it as a compliment to those un-The following extract of a letter from a gentle- der his command, and marched the whole of them

How NATURAL!-The Bay State Democrat tells this anecdote of a Boston Physician of the old-"You have doubtless noticed in the public points on time. When a young man, he occupied a chamber seperate from that of a married couple by a thin partition; one cold night he heard the rough voice They indeed give you but a very imperfect idea of hocks!" to which his wife replied, in a querulous the great revolution that has taken place in the hab- tone. "Ah! you did not speak to me so when wo were first married-then you used to say to me, " take away your little footsy toolsys!" How very

> An Ohio editor, in recording the career of a mal log, says :-" We are grieved to say that the rabid snimal, before it could be killed, seriously bit Dr. Hoag, and several other dogs."

There is something of novelty, it is true, but not less of reason, in the proceeding of a late esteemed minister of New England, who, at the close of a

" IN JOINING CONTRASTS LIETH LOVE'S DE-LIGHTS."-A few evenings since, in West Feliciana, Louisiana, a Mr. Tomb, about 25 years of age, espoused a Mrs. Butler, who had arrived at the matronly age of 65. It is quite natural that Mrs. Butler, at her age, should think of hastening to the

A Harrishurg paper gives a case of absence of mind in the following way :- "A girl who was one of our first loves, was one night lighting us out, after having passed a delightful evening, and in bashful trepidation she blew us out of the door, and drew the candlestick behind the door, and kissed it !"

SMOKING THEM OUT .- The three persons arrested but recently in Ohio, for killing and robbing a number of Indians, attempted to break out a few days since, by firing the jail. All that they accomplished was to kill their companions, the rate, and nearly suffocate thems-lves.

A correspondent of the London Morning Post gravely says - By the explosion at Acre 2000 souls were shattered into 10,000 atoms in an instant?" Five atoms are therefore equal to one soul. PRECISELY so .- "My dear," said a husband to

his affectionate better half, after a matrimonial squibble, "you never will be permitted to go to

"Because you will be wanted as a forment down below."-Crescent City.

"Do you like novels !" said a Miss Languish to her up country lover. I can't say," answered he "for I never ate any, but I'll tell you what, I'm deathon a young possum."

"Do you know Mr .- !" asked one friend o an other, refering to an old gentleman, who was famous for his fondness of the extract of hops .-"Yes, sir, I know him well," "What kind of man is he?" "Why, in the morning when be get

"Neighbor Towle, will your Patent Medicio

cure a cold ?" "Certainly, sir; they are an infallible remedy "You will oblige me then, if you will give the weather a dose."

"Get out, you impertment."

" My friends," said a minister, the Sunday afta monstrous small contribution, "when I said the you will not laber under the same mistake,"